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CATTLE ON FEED

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent above October 1, 2008. The inventory included 6.42 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.01 million head, up 4 percent from 2008. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.39 million, 5 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.34 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 490,000, 600-699 pounds were 450,000, 700-799 pounds were 593,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 855,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.75 million,

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Report **Release Date Cattle on Feed** October 16, 2009 **October Crop Production** October 09, 2009 Milk Production October 20, 2009 **Grain Stocks September 30, 2009 Small Grains September 30, 2009** Weekly Weather-Crop Progress October 26, 2009 **Agricultural Prices Received** October 30, 2009

4 percent below 2008. This is the third lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 47,000 during September, 8 percent below 2008.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots $^{\perp}$

	Nu	Number on Feed			Placed Marketed			2, 2,0001	Other Disappearance 2/			
					DURING							
	10/1/08	9/1/09	10/1/09	9/08	8/09	9/09	9/08	8/09	9/09	9/08	8/09	9/09
AZ	360	275	275	24	28	27	25	27	26	1	1	1
CA	505	455	465	55	53	56	53	46	44	2	2	2
CO	870	860	960	255	205	260	150	190	155	5	5	5
ID	195	195	205	57	42	53	41	40	42	1	2	1
IA	475	510	520	81	74	105	75	73	94	1	1	1
KS	2,160	2,050	2,220	485	550	510	400	405	330	15	15	10
NE	2,110	2,020	2,170	550	460	550	390	350	395	10	10	5
NM	173	(D)	(D)	27	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	(D)	1	(D)	(D)
OK	315	325	355	60	73	80	49	56	48	1	2	2
SD	175	185	195	56	36	52	44	40	41	2	1	1
TX	2,590	*2,530	2,600	510	*510	570	490	*480	485	10	10	15
WA	157	140	147	44	31	35	24	28	27	1	1	1
Oth Sts 1/	330	334	362	77	51	90	51	80	59	1	6	3
US	10,415	*9,879	10,474	2,281	*2,113	2,388	1,812	*1,815	1,746	51	*56	47

^{*} Revised. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (X) Comparison to 2008 is not applicable.

^{1/} Includes unpublished New Mexico totals for 2009.

OCTOBER CROP PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Sorghum for Grain production forecast is 2.1 million bushels with yields at 44.0 bushels per acre and an expected harvest of 49,000 acres. Upland Cotton yields were forecast at 1,029 pounds per acre. Producers were expecting to harvest 28,000 acres. American-Pima yields were forecast at 789 pounds per acre and producers were expecting to harvest 1,400 acres. Peanut production is forecast 22.4 million pounds with yields averaging 3,200 pounds per acre with harvested acreage expected to be 7,000 acres.

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at 13.0 billion bushels, up slightly from last month and 8 percent higher than 2008. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 164.2 bushels per acre, up 2.3 bushels from September and 10.3 bushels above last year. Sovbean production is forecast at a record high 3.25 billion bushels, up slightly from the September forecast and up 10 percent from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 12.6 million 480-pound bales, down 3 percent from last month but up 2 percent from last year. The American-Pima production forecast, at 367,000 bales, was carried forward from the August 2009 forecast. Sovbean production is forecast at a record high 3.25 billion bushels, up slightly from the September forecast and up 10 percent from last year. Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 72.0 million tons, down 1.4 percent from the August forecast but up 3.4 percent from last year.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production for Selected States and United States, 2008 and Forecasted October 1, 2009

	Area H	arvested		Yield	,	Produc	etion
State	2008	2009	2008		2009	2008	2009
	2008	2009	2008	Sept 1	Oct 1	2008	2009
	1,00	0 Acres		Bushels		1,000) Bushel
Corn for Grain							
CO	1,080	950	137.0	138.0	140.0	147,960	133,000
NM ^{1/}							
TX	2,030	2,100	125.0	125.0	130.0	253,750	273,000
US	78,640	79,294	153.9	161.9	164.2	12,101,238	13,018,058
Sorghum for Grain							
CO	150	110	30.0	32.0	35.0	4,500	3,850
NM	80	49	43.0	41.0	44.0	3,440	2,156
TX	3,050	2,300	52.0	47.0	44.0	158,600	101,200
US	7,271	5,681	65.0	65.5	64.0	472,342	363,723
Soybeans							
TX	205	915	24.5	25.0	25.0	5,023	4,875
US	74,681	76,619	39.7	42.3	42.4	2,967,007	3,250,113
Peanuts				Pounds		1,000	Pound
NM	8.0	7.0	3,200	3,200	3,200	25,600	22,400
TX	253.0	160.0	3,300	3,400	3,200	834,900	512,000
US	1,507.0	1,082.0	3,426	3,397	3,672	5,162,400	3,638,400
Upland Cotton				Pounds		1,000 Bales <u>1</u> /	
AZ	133.0	139.0	1,462	1,450	1,450	405.0	420.0
NM	35.0	28.0	974	1,029	1,029	71.0	60.0
TX	3,250.0	3,700.0	657	701	649	4,450.0	5,000.0
US	7,400.0	7,586.0	803	827	799	12,384.5	12,631.0
Amer-Pima Cotton							
AZ	0.8	1.3	480	997	997	0.8	2.7
NM	1.9	1.4	758	789	789	3.0	2.3
TX	15.0	16.5	768	931	931	24.0	32.0
US	168.7	146.2	1,226	1,205	1.205	430.8	367.0
Alfalfa Hay						,	0 Tons
AZ	260	270	8.60	8.50	2,040	2,236	2,295
CO	820	840	3.30	3.70	3,034	2,706	3,108
NM	250	240	5.20	5.20	1,248	1,300	1,248
TX	130	160	4.70	5.50	700	611	880
US	20,980	20,982	3.32	3.43	69,880	69,620	71,977

^{1/} Annual only state.

SEPTEMBER MILK PRODUCTION DOWN 0.7 PERCENT

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during September totaled 630 million pounds compared to 632 million pounds during the same time period in 2008. Milk per cow for the month averaged 1,980 pounds. Number of milk cows on farms was 318,000 head compared to 336,000 in September 2008.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.9 billion pounds, down 0.7

percent from September 2008. August revised production at 14.6 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent from August 2008. The August revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,672 pounds for September, 22 pounds above September 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.34 million head, 168,000 head less than September 2008, and 32,000 head less than August 2009.

Milk Cows and Production: August 2009 $^{1/2}$ and September 2008 - 2009

Milk Cows and Production: August 2009 and September 2008 - 2009									
	N	filk Cows 2/		Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk	Production	3/
State	8/09	9/08	9/09	8/09	9/08	9/09	8/09	9/08	9/09
	1	,000 Head		P	ounds		Million Pounds		
AZ	171	185	167	1,790	1,710	1,690	306	316	282
CA	1,782	1,845	1,772	1,820	1,775	1,730	3,243	3,275	3,066
CO	123	130	119	1,980	1,850	1,880	244	241	224
FL	114	120	114	1,325	1,160	1,200	151	139	137
ID	548	554	547	1,940	1,870	1,850	1,063	1,036	1,012
IL	102	102	102	1,530	1,425	1,480	156	145	151
IN	167	166	168	1,670	1,550	1,620	279	257	272
IA	215	215	215	1,700	1,630	1,630	366	350	350
KS	117	117	114	1,745	1,665	1,675	204	195	191
MI	357	352	356	1,920	1,790	1,835	685	630	653
MN	469	465	469	1,620	1,490	1,535	760	693	720
MO	106	111	105	1,180	1,100	1,110	125	122	117
NM	320	336	318	2,000	1,880	1,980	640	632	630
NY	618	626	617	1,690	1,590	1,590	1,044	995	981
ОН	278	279	278	1,570	1,450	1,520	436	405	423
OR	114	115	114	1,650	1,590	1,605	188	183	183
PA	545	548	542	1,610	1,530	1,560	877	838	846
TX	420	425	416	1,680	1,550	1,660	706	659	691
UT	83	85	83	1,835	1,740	1,760	152	148	146
VT	135	139	134	1,520	1,470	1,485	205	204	199
VA	96	97	96	1,450	1,360	1,395	139	132	134
WA	237	245	238	1,995	1,900	1,930	473	466	459
WI	1,257	1,253	1,258	1,730	1,580	1,655	2,175	1,980	2,082
23 STS	8,374	8,510	8,342	1,746	1,650	1,672	14,617	14,041	13,949

 $[\]frac{1}{2}$ 2009 revised. $\frac{2}{2}$ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. $\frac{3}{2}$ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

GRAIN STOCKS

UNITED STATES: Old crop <u>corn stocks</u> in all positions on September 1, 2009 totaled 1.67 billion bushels, up 3 percent from September 1, 2008. Of the total stocks, 608 million bushels are stored on farms, up 22 percent from a year earlier.

<u>All wheat</u> stored in all positions on September 1, 2009 totaled 2.22 billion bushels, up 19 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 840 million bushels, up 32 percent from last September. Off-farm stocks, at 1.38 billion bushels, are up 12 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2009 indicated disappearance is 661 million bushels, down 30 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Old crop **grain sorghum** stored in all positions on September 1, 2009 totaled 54.7 million bushels, up 4 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 4.40 million bushels, are up 24 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 50.3 million bushels, are up 2 percent from September 1, 2008. The June - August 2009 indicated disappearance from all positions is 47.5 million bushels, down 2 percent from the same period a year ago.

			2008		2009				
Date		On Farms	Off Farms ^{1/}	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ^{1/}	Total All Positions		
				1,00	00 Bushels				
				CC	DRN				
Mar	1	3,780,000	3,078,722	6,858,722	4,085,000	2,872,298	6,957,298		
June	1	1,970,900	2,057,117	4,028,017	2,205,400	2,056,027	4,261,427		
Sep	1	499,950	1,124,200	1,624,150	607,500	1,066,559	1,674,059		
Dec	1	6,482,000	3,595,564	10,077,564					
				SORO	GHUM				
Mar	1	26,100	159,808	185,908	32,200	176,295	208,495		
June	1	7,000	94,019	101,019	12,000	90,215	102,215		
Sep	1	3,550	49,200	52,750	4,400	50,348	54,748		
Dec	1	54,400	257,646	312,046					
				ALL V	VHEAT				
Mar	1	91,990	617,280	709,270	280,400	759,949	1,040,349		
June	1	25,635	280,183	305,818	140,745	515,760	656,505		
Sep	1	635,700	1,222,423	1,858,123	840,000	1,375,167	2,215,167		
Dec	1	454,000	968,374	1,422,374					

^{1/} Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

WINTER WHEAT

NEW MEXICO: The 2009 winter wheat production for New Mexico is estimated at 3.5 million bushels, a 17% decrease from the previous year. Yields came in at 25.0 bushels per acre compared to 30.0 in 2008. Acres harvested for grain are estimated at 140,000.

UNITED STATES: All wheat production totaled 2.22 billion bushels in 2009, up 2 percent from the August forecast but own 11 percent from 2008. Grain area is 50.1 million acres, down 10 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 44.4 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last year.

Winter Wheat: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production, 2008-2009

	Area Pla		Area Ha			er Acre		Production		
Crop	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009		
		1,000	Acres		Bus	shels	1,000 Bushels			
AZ	9	7	6	5	95.0	85.0	570	425		
AR	1,070	430	980	390	57.0	44.0	55,860	17,160		
CO	2,150	2,600	1,900	2,450	30.0	40.0	57,000	98,000		
KS	9,600	9,300	8,900	8,800	40.0	42.0	356,000	369,600		
MO	1,250	780	1,160	730	48.0	47.0	55,680	34,310		
MT	2,600	2,550	2,420	2,420	39.0	37.0	94,380	89,540		
NE	1,750	1,700	1,670	1,600	44.0	48.0	73,480	76,800		
NM	430	450	140	140	30.0	25.0	4,200	3,500		
ОН	1,120	1,010	1,090	980	68.0	72.0	74,120	70,560		
OK	5,600	5,700	4,500	3,500	37.0	22.0	166,500	77,000		
SD	2,050	1,700	1,890	1,530	55.0	42.0	103,950	64,260		
TX	5,800	6,400	3,300	2,450	30.0	25.0	99,000	61,250		
UT	130	140	120	135	41.0	50.0	4,920	6,750		
WA	1,750	1,700	1,720	1,640	56.0	59.0	96,320	96,760		
WY	150	155	135	132	28.0	38.0	3,780	5,016		
US	46,307	43,311	39,608	34,485	47.1	44.2	1,867,333	1,522,718		

^{1/} Includes area planted in preceding fall.







WEEKLY CROP & WEATHER

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Crop Weather

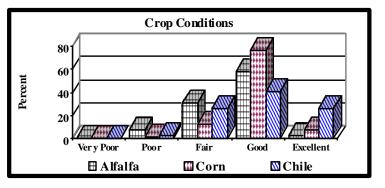
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 1, 2009

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good with 90 percent of the sixth cutting completed and 60 percent of the seventh cutting completed. Cotton conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 97 percent bolls opening and 36 percent harvested. Corn conditions were mostly good with 98 percent dent, 95 percent mature and 58 percent of the grain harvested. Irrigated sorghum conditions ranged from poor to excellent with 90 percent mature and 30 percent harvested for grain. Dry sorghum conditions were mostly very poor to poor with 68 percent mature and 17 percent harvested for grain. Irrigated winter wheat conditions ranged from fair to excellent with 94 percent emerged. Dry winter wheat conditions were mostly fair.

CROP PROGRESS
PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

TERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS									
C	C40.00	This	Last	Last	5-Year				
Crop	Stage	Week	Week	Year	Average				
Alfalfa	6 th Cutting	90	88	47	79				
Alfalfa	7 th Cutting	60	58		29				
Chile red	Harvested	51	43	68	62				
Cotton	Open Bolls	97	91	93	97				
Cotton	Harvested	36	19	9	23				
Corn	Dent	98	97	100	100				
Corn	Mature	95	74	100	100				
Corn	Harvested	58	43	61	73				
Peanuts	Harvested	65	63	76	72				
Sorghum	Mature	76	45	72	68				
Sorghum	Harvested	22	14	7	21				



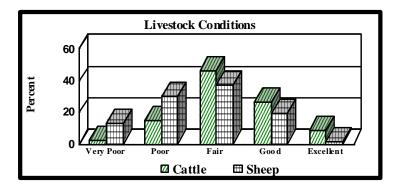


<u>Quay</u> received some rainfall this week. Low temperatures and some flurries and snow added to last week's scattered showers. Warming up bringing up cool season weeds. Some ranchers were beginning supplemental feeding of livestock, grasses seem to lack in nutritional strength. Most dry land wheat is fair to good. It had sufficient soil moisture throughout the county.

Peanut conditions were mostly fair with 65 percent harvested. Chile conditions were mostly good to excellent with 51 percent of the red chile harvested. Apples were 100 percent harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good to excellent. Cattle conditions were mostly fair. Sheep conditions were mostly fair to poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly fair to poor. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 19 percent very short, 39 percent short and 42 percent adequate. Wind damage was 11 percent light and 4 percent moderate with 2 percent of sorghum crops and 2 percent of corn crops damaged by wind. Freeze damage was 19 percent light, 34 percent moderate, 11 percent severe with 10 percent of winter wheat crops damaged by freeze.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

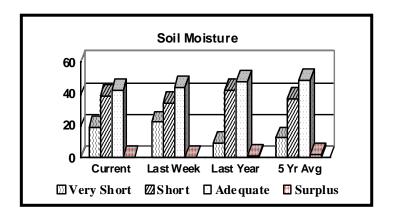
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa		8	31	58	3
Chile	1	3	26	41	29
Cotton		6	36	32	26
Corn		2	13	77	11
Peanuts			100		
Pecans	1	1	18	44	36
Sorghum	33	35	13	10	9
Cattle	2	15	46	26	8
Sheep	13	30	37	19	1
Range/Pasture	15	35	36	13	1



<u>Union</u> corn harvest remains behind normal due to wet conditions. <u>Luna/Grant</u> had one of the worst years for moisture. Continually supplemental feeding taking place, cattle were sold because of this. <u>Doña Ana</u> had cabbage that is being harvested and looks good, and also lettuce is looking good. Conditions have been cool with some freezing nights. **Otero** received a killing frost.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	18	42	40	
Northeast	13	38	49	
Southwest	40	43	17	
Southeast	14	35	51	
State Current	19	39	42	
State-Last Week	22	34	44	
State-Last Year	9	42	48	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	12	37	49	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

An upper level disturbance past through the State Sunday and into Monday bringing snow over the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and eastern plains North of I-40 and rain south of I-40. Another strong storm system impacted New Mexico Wednesday

continuing into Thursday with snow over the mountains and rain in the lower elevations. High pressures build by the weekend bringing dry and mild conditions. The temperatures during the week were below normal for this time of the year.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 1, 2009

		Temperature						
Station	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	<u>Week</u> 26 Oct 01 Nov	<u>Month</u> 01 Nov 01 Nov	Accum. 01 Jan 01 Nov	<u>Normal</u> Nov	<u>Normal</u> Jan-Nov
Northwest								
Albuquerque	43.4	65	26	0.30	0.00	6.49	0.43	8.38
Chama	28.6	63	1	0.19	0.00	15.79	1.72	19.81
Farmington	36.3	58	22	0.14	0.00	3.89	0.94	8.12
Gallup	36.3	66	16	0.27	0.00	7.65	0.95	11.91
Grants	34.7	69	12	0.22	0.00	8.69	0.58	10.14
Johnson Ranch	35.2	61	10	0.00	0.00	3.43	0.69	10.85
Los Alamos	33.8	60	15	0.17	0.00	9.52	1.02	17.64
Red River	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.18	19.33
Santa Fe	36.8	65	14	0.32	0.00	10.16	0.63	13.21
Northeast								
Capulin	36.1	68	10	0.48	0.00	14.05	0.67	16.94
Clayton	43.7	71	23	0.26	0.00	11.81	0.52	14.80
Clovis	47.2	70	24	0.06	0.00	7.23	0.73	16.97
Las Vegas	37.1	68	11	0.02	0.00	10.76	0.58	18.36
Moriarty	38.3	67	19	0.07	0.00	8.93	0.40	12.17
Raton	37.4	72	13	0.13	0.00	10.42	0.61	16.22
Roy	39.1	68	17	0.30	0.00	8.71	0.50	15.29
Tucumcari	46.1	73	21	0.13	0.00	9.73	0.51	13.90
Southwest								
Animas	49.4	76	25	0.05	0.00	4.84	0.71	10.62
Deming	48.6	76	23	0.19	0.00	6.78	0.64	9.73
Gran Quivira	38.7	68	18	1.36	0.00	12.26	0.91	14.92
Quemado	36.5	57	12	0.18	0.00	9.10	0.45	13.04
Socorro	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	1.17	0.47	8.95
T or C	47.4	72	26	0.00	0.00	6.15	0.60	9.22
Southeast								
Alamogordo	47.1	72	24	0.03	0.00	11.94	0.71	11.92
Carlsbad	51.4	77	31	0.32	0.00	8.14	0.59	12.38
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	3.71	0.76	12.07
Las Cruces	49.4	77	28	0.05	0.00	5.82	0.53	8.72
Roswell	48.0	74	27	0.06	0.00	7.98	0.55	12.38
Ruidoso	43.9	72	20	0.00	0.00	15.81	0.88	19.72
Tatum	46.9	72	24	0.29	0.00	14.34	0.55	15.57

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.

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AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa prices increased \$5.00 from the September price of \$136.00 per ton to \$141.00 per ton. All hay prices also had an increase from \$134.00 in September to \$139.00 in October. Cow prices dropped from \$48.00 per hundredweight in September to \$47.00 per hundredweight. Steer and heifer prices decreased to \$88.00 per

hundredweight. Calf prices also declined by \$3.00 to \$100.00 per hundredweight. Milk cow replacements averaged \$1,280 per head while milk prices had an increase to \$13.50 per hundredweight with the national average coming in at \$13.80 per hundredweight.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, September 2009 and October 2008-09

C	T T:4		U.S. ^{1/}		
Commodity	Unit	October 2008 ^{2/}	September 2009 ^{2/}	October 2009 1/	October 2009
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	_	_	5.57
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	_	_	.526
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	_	_	7.79
Hay, all baled	Ton	185.00	134.00	139.00	106.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	189.00	136.00	141.00	109.00
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	_	.240
Corn	Bu.	-	-	_	3.54
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	4.56
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	_	_	29.60
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	-	_	_	98.40
Cows	Cwt.	51.00	48.00	47.00	43.70
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	92.00	90.00	88.00	84.00
Calves	Cwt.	107.00	103.00	100.00	103.0
Milk Cow Replacement	Head	2,030.00		1,280.00	1240.00
Milk	Cwt.	17.10	12.80	13.50	13.80

¹/₂ Mid-month ²/₂ Entire month ³/₂ September - entire month